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<b>RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT</b>  Address to: Box Patent Application Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231	Attorney Docket Confirmation No.	IRVN-007CON 4642
	First Named Inventor	Gatanaga et al.
	Application Number	09/712,813
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	Group Art Unit	1646
	Examiner Name	Joseph F. Murphy
	Title	Factors Affecting Tumor Necrosis Factor Receptor Releasing Enzyme Activity

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 15, 2002, which set a 1 month period for reply, making this communication due on or before April 15, 2002. A Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time is filed herewith, extending the period for response to and including June 15, 2002, which date is a Saturday, making the response timely filed on or before Monday, June 17, 2002.

Prior to examination of the application on the merits, please enter the following amendment:

**AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE TITLE**

Please replace the title on page 1, line 1, with the following rewritten title:

**TREATING ARTHRITIS WITH TNF RECEPTOR RELEASING ENZYME**

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